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**TELEGRAMS.**

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LONDON, October 2, 1894.  
**THE JAPANESE ADVANCE ON  
PEKING.**

The *Zinze* correspondent in Shanghai reports that 35,000 Japanese troops have landed between the Yellow River and Tientsin.

The Japanese troops in Corea, advancing from Sing Yang, have reached Anyu. Headquarters have been formed at Ping Yang.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Adonis*, 21; *Strathmore*, Sept. 4; *Benlucars*, *Orion*, 18; *Glenagyle*, 21; *Sydney*, *Prick*, 25; *Islam*, *Polyphemus*, *Kintuck*, *Maple Branch*, *Aggi*, 28.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—*Tamboff*, Aug. 28; *Bullmouth*, *Pyrrhus*, *Sept*, 14; *Laertes*, *Pingwey*, 21; *Telanon*, *Laवानग*, *Marquis Baguheim*, 25; *Jana* 23.

The O. & O. s.s. *Balgic*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of 8th inst., was to leave Nagasaki for this port on Sept. 30.

The P. & O. s.s. *Zorostra*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of Sept. 7, left Singapore on Monday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, Oct. 7. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong Aug. 2.

The C. P. R. str. *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on Oct. 3, for Hongkong, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The P. M. s.s. *Peru*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of Sept. 15, leaves Yokohama for this port on Thursday, Oct. 4, at daylight, via Nagasaki.

The N. P. s.s. *Sikh* left Tacoma for Hongkong, via Japan, on Sept. 16.

The O. & O. s.s. *Oceanic* left San Francisco on Sept. 25 for this port.

burg, left Singapore for this port on Sept. 28, and may be expected here on or about Oct. 4.

The s. s. *Diamorphia* left Singapore on Sept. 29, and she may be expected here on or about Oct. 5.

The E. & A. s. s. *Guthrie*, from Australia, left Port Darwin on Sept. 26, and may be expected here on or about Oct. 6.

The s. s. *Kutsang*, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore, left Singapore for this port on Sept. 30, and may be expected here on or about Oct. 6.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ulysses* left Singapore on October 2, and may be expected here on or about Oct. 8.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Menela* left Bombay for this port on Sept. 22.

The P. & O. s. s. *Bombay* left London for this port on Sept. 17.

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THE delivery of the French mail was begun at 10.05 a.m.

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SYDNEY now rejoices in a Chinese newspaper. The new venture is published weekly, and is designated the *Chinese Australian Herald*.

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THE adjourned meeting of the Legislative Council, which was to have been held on Monday next, 8th inst., has been postponed *sine die*. Baillie, please note.

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JOHN J. HEAR is appointed to the *Vicer* of Enasar as Fleet Paymaster. Thompson H. Millet is appointed to the *Centurion* as Secretary's clerk.

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THE departure of Mr W. M. Goodman, Attorney General, from London on the 13th ult., is announced. He is accompanied by Mr. Baillie.

THE P. M. s. *Peru*, with mails &c. from San Francisco to the 15th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow, the 4th inst., at daylight, via Nagasaki.

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The bookings of passengers for India, Australia and the Far East by P. and O. steamers are exceptionally heavy for the months of September, October and November. The new steamer *Caledonia*, which leaves London on Friday next, carries over 500 passengers, chiefly for India.

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At the Magistrate's this morning six ricksha coolies were charged by Constable Macaulay with loitering in Queen's Road instead of obeying the new police regulations under which rickshas have to remain on particular stances. Capt. Hastings convicted the accused, and fined them \$3, each with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment.

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We copy the following telegram, dated London, September 3, from an Australian exchange:—The French Government is taking measures for rapidly equipping the French mail-boats as armed cruisers in view of possible contingencies. The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Polynésie* is being fitted to carry 10 Hotchkiss guns and 60 tons of war material.

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A Chinese man in the employ of Cheung Yung Tsack, compradore to Messrs Meyerling and Co., was convicted before Capt. Hastings this morning of stealing clothing, valued at \$300, the property of her employer. She was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. A similar sentence was passed upon two persons who received the stolen property.

ACCORDING to a telegram in an Australian contemporary, a Chinese rabble was looting Tientsin on the 13th ult. Things are not quite so bad as that yet.

Mr A. K. Travors, Postmaster General of Hongkong, arrived to-day by French mail, and takes over duty from Mr Sorcombe Smith to-morrow. Mr Stafford Northcote, Assistant P.M.G., left to-day by the *Empress*.

We have received a letter from 'Goody' pulverising 'Scholastica', who writes to the *Daily Press* criticising our contributor 'Brewin's' remarks on Queen's College. 'Scholastica' not being worth powder and shot, 'Goody's' letter is withheld.

YESTERDAY sixty fials of prepared opium were found in the house of Lam Sing, tailor, Upper Lascar Row. Lam Sing denied ownership, but he was convicted by Capt. Hastings at the Magistracy this morning and was fined \$200 with the alternative of three months' imprisonment. The opium was confiscated.

A CHILD named Lyeott, a passenger by the P. & O. steamer *Japan*, from Rangoon, was by order of the Health Officer sent to the General Hospital at Singapore on the 25th ult. suffering from diphtheria. When off the quarantine station Capt. Hall saw two Chinese fishermen, struggling in the water with their boat bottom up. He lowered a boat, picked them up and righted their boat, taking them on to the P. & O. wharf.

In view of Renter's telegram that Japan has declared land contraband—which is not to be wondered at—it may be of interest to state that, some time ago, a Japanese news agency reported that the export of coal from Japan had not yet been officially prohibited, but the Government had privately adopted a list of articles contraband of war, which had not been made public, in which coal is embraced. Any vessel found carrying coal for the purpose of selling it to China, adds the news agency, will be captured.

Josephine Tawfer, a young girl, who recently sailed for Manila by the steamer *Esmeralda* but was arrested at Amoy and sent back to Hongkong, was brought before Capt. Hastings at the Magistracy to-day charged with the larceny of a quantity of silk and jewellery from a Chinese firm in Queen's Road Central. The value of the property was \$533. Mr C. Ewins appeared for the prosecution. He asked leave to withdraw the charge, and put in a letter from one of the girl's relatives undertaking to pay the amount, with costs, within a certain period. The theft was said to have occurred on the 27th ult., and the accused sailed on the same day. The Magistrate allowed the charge to be withdrawn.

WE believe the absconding sheriff of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Pun Kit Nam, has been arrested in the village of Pat Chak, in the Tungking District. The Chinese authorities refuse to hand him over to the Hongkong Government because he is a Chinese subject. In all likelihood the Hongkong police will have to send witnesses up country in order to prosecute in a Chinese court. Should this course be decided upon it will be necessary to send an escort with the witness, otherwise the mandarin who tries the case—following the good old custom of Chinese use and wont—can make the complainant take the part of the defendant, for it must be remembered that the absconder took \$3000 with him, a sum which will go a long way to bribe a mandarin.

LAST night a marine, belonging to H.M.S. *Unlabeled* was drowned near Victoria wharf. Deceased was walking along the Praya with a private of the Shropshire Light Infantry, and when he came to the Victoria Wharf he hailed a sampan, with the intention of going off to his ship. He was under the influence of liquor, and, missing his footing, he first fell into the sampan and then into the Harbour. The sampan made off at once. A lad named Logan, son of the preventive officer of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., heard the splash, shouted to an Indian constable and hailed the sampan, which refused to return to the wharf. The unfortunate man had sunk, and the Indian constable reported the occurrence to Inspector Hennessy at the Central Police Station. The Water Police were telephoned to, and sent out a boat; but an hour had elapsed before the body was recovered. The police were making inquiries regarding the sampan and the private of the Shropshires, who seems to have disappeared in a mysterious manner. A burial order was issued, allowing the funeral to take place this afternoon. An inquest will be held in a few days.

THE Messageries Maritimes Company have just completed a fine large steamer, the *Ernest-Simons*, for their Indo-China line to Suez Canal. This new vessel, which is now contracted at the Company's own dockyard at La Ciotat, will be one of the finest steamships running to the Far East, and will shortly make her maiden passage outward through the Canal. She is a very fast boat and can steam 16 to 17 knots an hour, being a vessel of 6,000 horse power.

RETURN, moved for by Mr Provand, M.P., stating the estimated weight of mails despatched from the United Kingdom in 1891, 1892, and 1893 to certain British colonies and foreign countries has just been issued as a Parliamentary paper. From it we gather that the mail matter sent to Brisbane, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Manila, Borneo, China and Japan was estimated to weigh in the three years mentioned 13,145 tons, 17,367 tons, and 20,714 cwt. respectively.







